

12/22/69

Dear Paul,

Your 12/14 took longer than usual, not arriving until today. Suppose it is Xmas only

Microfilm: I've not heard from Bud. I asked him to scan quickly and send your part and FPCC to you, copying what he wants or listing for future copying. Rather, your part to me, for I've sent my copy to you. You should have gotten by now. When he gets that printout he will also get the film. I'll take up when we see each other again, possibly not this week, it being Xmas, icy and snowing. It will not now be possible for me to go through files for a while. There is work + must do on COUP appendix and I really must find some way of getting back on FM II and I have to do what Bud is not for the trial. The second suit, that is, on the JFK stuff. That will be quite a task. No rush.

I scanned the withheld pages of CD7 on receipt this a.m. and do not recall anything justifying it. On threats, how many have they not withheld. This one is, obviously, of the extreme right, and you may recall I long ago suggested most of the suppressions from this file were for that reason, the reason + made a separate index of what was withheld. The McFadin part has a vaguely familiar ring.

Bud stays busy, and when I go there we get interrupted, so I do not know whether he has mislaid any of what + gave him, etc. I copied the part of your previous letter to which you add here, on files status, and I'll do some with this, and give him. It is futility for me to ask anything of Archives. They taken so long I am sometimes at a loss to understand why I asked for some things until I read them again, and sometimes they omit things and I just cannot recall and end cannot take time to check old correspondence.

Fail to understand why FBI 415 wasn't used. Unless it was to diminish "Osborne" when LHO was so hot on Midell - and there is no possibility of doubt he did not get this order. But he used it fast enough, within two weeks at the very latest and we'll not know the earliest. That copy was not made on a xerox, or the original from which it came, for it was not flat. Again, I wonder why. Nor are there hole punches indicating binding in a file, yet this is part of a file, it seems from examination. Oh, well, Liebler had the phrase. Penn clipping, clear enuf.

COUP copies: Gary has spoken, I've written Bernabei. Hal is east. I'd guess Gary will say yes. And that would help. As of now + have only the untouchable master and the copy from which I'm indexing. I've used even all the MCR copies, Part I, almost no copies returned. I've not one on hand! I'll ask Bud. This is the arrangement I've made with several institutions, where one copy of everything now is. One, however, returned an uninsured copy and it was badly battered. Glad this does not require you to do work, as I'd assumed, at that price.

Wynne: even more interesting that CIA version lies about him being trained agent! I hope to get copy eventually and read. No rush there, either, for more may develop. Fascinating there is no ref to Davison in CIA-version text. If we do not need any more (agreed), we can use more and it may become available. First step initiated, Atlanta morgues.

I'd heard of Bringuier's book. Bud is getting me a copy. I look forward to finding libel in it and a few cookies. He cannot write that much without dropping his guard on some points. Penn will not send me his III if only because he owes me about \$150 he acknowledges and refuses to pay or answer letters about. I get rather bitter about this, because he is loaded and right now I need stamps and cannot buy a roll....I suppose article on Bud is what appeared first in the Post's Sunday

magazine, Potomac. I have.

Your 12/13: Re old page 298. I see your point on the judge's question, but we do disagree. Paul Valentine, who covered the trial for the Post, was here. He wondered about the phrasing when he heard it. He was not sold on my interpretation until he reread the transcript, and he then agreed. However, if we disagree, I hope it will not find this unreasonable. If your interpretation is correct, I rather imagine the judge would have seen to it that the record got straight, right then and there, because he sure had his own doubts. P.332: Your argument is reasonable and may be correct. Your last sentence is, I think, enough to warrant my use. The fault is prosecution's. I cannot now check 338, but I believe what I was criticizing is several things: fakery in pretense microscopic examination was either required or possible and misrepresentation of what it did or even could, as you seem to agree, show. I now have more on this I cannot, temporarily, disclose. Their intention is the way I read it. They were jazzing it up, which means faking it. When I can I'll check 394, per -1. For clarity. Pearson column: not necessary. 4.2. Hope you can. 457, check. Thank Jim. I'll go over his corrections when I finish work on appendix, or at least complete something I regard as priority. Thanks also for Brenner book, which will arrive in due course. From glance at Jim's, he spotted something I forgot. I was originally given Esquevil's name with transposed vowels, as I discovered on checking phone book later. The answer, 423, without looking it up, I recall from W. All they could show LHO had was about \$220 plus whatever cash he had in his jeans plus what he pawned from Ma. His comment on rifles: good point I'll try and use in notes or appendix. His 402 conjecture makes fascinating sense! 452: Not only Stoner, but Jerry and Hanes and Dick. Sounds: no doubt in my mind one bullet made to fragment and mushroom. All my analysis here is precisely correct for I now have the proof in hand but cannot now use. It is exactly as I reconstruct. Both medical and ballistics. Your 452, which I skipped. You are probably right. But do you think Jim got it?

Hasty reading EPCC contents, by item: 3, I have Ernesto on tape on this. 15: remember U in NY? How fascinating they didn't use correct copy, had to get other versions, edit. 30. No response from Rhoads. 52. Has Tom spotted informant? 68. Unknown. Should we ask for? If only to find they do not have? 69 Git Com Free Cuba interests me, anything. 90. Wrote Carney. Disappeared. 117 Guy Johnson connected LHO with Gay, reported to both QNL, Hubert, and I've never found report of either but apparent confirmation in Ex Gess. 1214: Not in Brin file. He writes slowly. Or had mucho trouble. Considering Margis availability, it must be terrible.

Gotta quit. Hope you can tend to Valle things promptly, first of anything. Mel phoned yesterday a.m. and when he is here I'll explain fully. Do not hold COUP add add for him. He'll see here. Then Gary's set will be complete. Meanwhile, my only legal-sized 3M paper is out of date and makes fuzzy copies. I'll be making some additions, so unless there will be long delay, I'll not send copy for copying for others immediately, not until I can get clear copy. If service man returns with my machine, I'll try and get enough sheets from him. I just can't buy a \$35.00 box of that monopoly-priced stuff.

Thanks for everything. Best to all.